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### PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.28

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### Honorable Commissioner:

Under 37 C.F.R. 1.28, Stryker Corporation ("Stryker"), the owner by assignment of U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 10/766,232, hereby pays the below-noted fees representing the difference between certain fees paid at a small entity rate and a corresponding large entity rate. Please update Stryker's entity status to "large entity" in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records.

# **BACKGROUND**

At no time has there been deceptive intent with respect to Stryker's claims of small entity status. On February 18, 2005, Stryker entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with the prior owner of this application and henceforth became the owner of U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 10/766,232. The issue fee was inadvertently paid at the small entity rate instead of the large entity rate. Accordingly, Stryker hereby submits the following fees:

## **FEES PAID**

The fees which appear to be at issue are those paid after the effective date of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, namely, those paid between February 18, 2005 to present. Those fees are detailed below and include Issue/Publication Fees paid October 26, 2006:

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